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# SETH MARVIN

1794-1872

HIS ANTECEDANTS  
AND DESCENDANTS



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## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

The preparation of this little booklet was prompted by several motives.

I think that the chief reason was a desire to perpetuate the memory of my grandfather, Seth Marvin, of whom there is too little known by those of even my own generation, and much less of the younger generations.

Second, a desire to look into the ancestry of our family to try to discover there of what sort of clay we have been molded. Third, to provide a record of the members of the five generations of Seth Marvin, and to provide a means whereby this record may be preserved and developed as the generations follow.

And finally, the hope that the bits of knowledge of the characters of our forefathers may be an inspiration to all the generations following.

This small volume has required long and arduous labor, endless correspondence, far out of the proportion it should have required to prepare, and still is far from complete. But what little has been learned is herein recorded for future generations, and it is the hope of the author that those who now live and those yet to follow will place a high value on it and that it may be at least a start toward a fuller and more complete history of the generations of Seth Marvin.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Marvin.

Reynoldsville, Pa., September, 1945.

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The preparation of this little booklet was prompted by a desire to bring to the attention of a few persons who are interested in the history of the town of New Haven, Conn. the fact that the first reason why the town of New Haven was founded was to provide a place of refuge for the persecuted Quakers who were driven from their homes in England and the Netherlands. The town of New Haven was founded in 1637 by a group of Quakers who were driven from their homes in England and the Netherlands. The town of New Haven was founded in 1637 by a group of Quakers who were driven from their homes in England and the Netherlands.

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A. L. Marvin

New Haven, Conn. 1911



## INTRODUCTION

At the outset it must be understood that this is not intended to be a complete history of the Marvin's. We have attempted only to secure and record all the facts obtainable of the life of Seth Marvin, and to trace his ancestry back to the earliest Marvin of whom there is any known record. Only his direct line of descent is herein recorded, save for a few instances where we have inserted an "Author's Note" about someone or some circumstance which might be of particular interest to those of our line, or to clarify some doubtful matter.

All of the information down to the sketch on Samuel Marvin, has been secured from a "History of the Descendants of Reinold and Matthew Marvin published at Boston, Mass., in 1902. All that follows has been from our own sources.

We acknowledge with gratitude the valuable services of Mrs. Clair Stellhorn, of Ashville, Ohio, and Mr. Frank F. Marvin, of Mansfield, Pennsylvania. They have helped us immensely in getting the data for the earlier history of the family. Several of our own line of the family have also taken a keen interest in this work, and have been of great help to us. It is hoped that each one who receives a copy of this book will be diligent in recording therein all important events in the lives of themselves and others of the family that come to their attention, and that they will promptly report to me all births, deaths, marriages, and other matters of interest, that we may keep the master copy down to date. Arrangements will be made for the carrying on of this work after the author is compelled to lay it down.



## PART ONE

# ANTECEDANTS OF SETH MARVIN

To go into the history of the Marvin family, or even to attempt a brief summary of its history would be far beyond the possibility of this unpretentious little volume. Therefore we will have to be content with the simple statement that the Marvin family is one of the old and respectable families of England dating back earlier, much earlier no doubt, than the earliest records now known, which is more than five hundred years ago. Or at least the earliest recorded date of our own line dates back to 1430. They appear to have been of the class who owned large estates, and those who were usually in comfortable situations. They were among the active, and productive class who were in their day the bulwark of the English civilization. The same qualities that made them influential and prosperous, although modified somewhat through the passing of time and changes of conditions, are still seen in our present generation.

With this apparent expression of family pride we will proceed with a brief sketch of the history of the direct line of ancestry of Seth Marvin from the earliest record. We give only the names and dates of births of the English ancestors, and somewhat into details as the Marvins approach the American shores.

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|--------------------------|------|
| 1.—Roger Marvin .....    | 1430 |
| 2.—John Marvin .....     | 1453 |
| 3.—John Marvin 2nd. .... | 1480 |
| 4.—Reinold Marvin .....  | 1514 |
| 5.—Edward Marvin .....   | 1550 |

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Edward Marvin was a resident of Great Bently, Essex county, England. He had three sons, but only two of them came to America.

### 6. MATTHEW MARVIN

Matthew Marvin, youngest son of Edward and Margret Marvin was born in Great Bently, Essex county, England. The exact date of his birth is not known, but he was baptized in St. Mary's Church of that city on March 26, 1600. Of the first thirty-five years of his life little has been recorded, but on April 15, 1635 he with his wife and son Matthew, Jr., sailed from London, England and arrived at a New England Port, probably Boston, early in June of the same year. There is no account of his activities for the first few years, but about 1650 when he settled in Hartford, Conn. He was among the first settlers in that place, and he appears to have been a prominent citizen. His will was dated December 20, 1678, but date of his death is not known.

NOTE: Two years after the arrival of Matthew Marvin in America his brother, Reinold, also came in 1637 and settled in New England. His descendants have increased and spread out from coast to coast and are now a great family. But as this book is concerned only with the direct descent of Seth Marvin no further accounts of the Reinold line will appear.)

### 7. MATTHEW MARVIN, 2nd

Matthew Marvin, Jr., was born in Great Bently, England. He was baptized Nov. 8, 1626, in St. Mary's Church in Great Bently. He came with his parents to New England in June of 1635. He was a citizen of Norwalk for the greater part of his life and died there in 1712.

### 8. SERGEANT JOHN MARVIN

Sergeant John Marvin, son of Matthew Marvin, Jr., was born at Norwalk, Connecticut, Septem-



ber 2, 1678, and died at Sharon, Connecticut, February 9, 1774. No further records available.

#### 9. CAPTAIN DAVID MARVIN

Captain David was a son of Sergeant John Marvin. He was born at Norwalk, Connecticut, August 24, 1711. His movements are not altogether clear, but it is known that he owned land in Norwalk and New Canaan, Connecticut, and in Orange county, New York. About 1762 he bought land in Wyoming township, Luzerne Co., Pa. and moved his family thereto soon after, having disposed of his land holdings in Connecticut and New York. Mr. Marvin was married about 1732, and to this union were born 6 sons and 5 daughters. His older children were born in New Canaan, Connecticut. The records of his children are very meager. He died in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania during a small-pox epidemic in that town in 1779.

#### 10. SAMUEL MARVIN

Because of the meagerness of information concerning the family of Captain David's, it seems to be advisable to write in considerable length about his son, Samuel, in order to clarify and harmonize the bits of information we have on his life.

In the Marvin History the following paragraph is all that is said of him:

"He is believed to be the Samuel Marvin who was in Kingston, Pa., in June, 1769; settled in Plymouth 1773; built a sawmill on Whittlesey's Creek 1795, which produced lumber for the first frame houses in that vicinity. He was in the "list of Taxables" in Plymouth in 1796: by one account he later removed to Ohio."

It will be noted that in this account nothing is said of his family. Note also that it says that "He



is thought to be the Samuel," etc. There is no mention either of his children nor grandchildren. The Marvin History admits that on account of the lack of information a number of lines of the family have been omitted, and no doubt Samuel's line is one of those omitted because of lack of information.

In 1893 the writer was interesting himself in the history of the family, to the extent of securing some information which, unfortunately has been lost. However, he still remembers of having in his possession a large number of bills of sale and other accounts dating from 1766 down to near the close of the century. A considerable number of these papers were copied and published in a two column article in the Auburn (Indiana) Courier of date April 20, 1893. It is to be regretted that the original papers have been lost, and the old files of the Courier destroyed in a fire later and no trace of the papers nor the printed copies can be located. However, we have the caption of that article written by James A. Barnes, editor, which throws some light on Samuel Marvin, and which is copied in the following paragraph. The article carried the headline "Our Old Papers."

#### OUR OLD PAPERS

The century old papers we publish this week will be read with interest. Notice the prices in pounds, shillings, and pence, of various articles then. A shilling, at a rough estimate, is about 30 cents of our money, so that a bushel of wheat at 5 shillings would make up the price then about \$1.15, a much better price than we get now. Then there is a matter about a pension a Revolutionary soldier wanted, which sounds quite familiar at this day. And a recommend for a teacher, also a familiar subject. Note the peculiar wording of the notes, receipts, etc. A receipt in full was "from the beginning of the world". A note promised to pay "the just some in cash or merchantble wheat." etc. The papers are dated all the way from 1766 to early in this century. They were papers belonging to Samuel Marvin, great-great-grandfather to J. L. Marvin, an employee of the Courier

office. The old gentleman was evidently a fair scholar, though he now and then misspelled a word. His accounts were as well kept as many would keep them now. The writing showed painstaking, was made with quill pen, on the rough paper used in those days. The letter "s" looks like an "f." The paper is now yellow with age, and the ink is somewhat faded. But nearly every word can be easily read. Mr. Marvin was evidently a weaver, but it would seem as if he had a little store in connection, as the charges of "two quarts of hot rum" "log chains," etc., would indicate. This article would be valuable for the scrap book.

Upon first reading, these "old papers and the account of Samuel Marvin in the Marvin History do not appear to harmonize. However, the latter account may easily be of the same man. It is quite possible that our Samuel Marvin did build his sawmill in 1795 and later removed to Ohio. Many men have changed their occupation late in life, and as Samuel Marvin was probably in his late fifties in 1795 if he were hale and ambitious he could easily have made such a venture. And it also is quite possible that he could have moved to Ohio after a few years in the lumber business. Although he would have been rather old to undertake any pioneering at that date, might easily be that he either went with or followed some of his children into this new territory in order to live near or with them during the remainder of his life. It is the impression among his descendants that some of his children did remove to Ohio.

However it must be kept in mind that by its own admission, The Marvin History account is no more than a legend—and "it is believed to be" account and cannot be relied upon.

Again, if there were two Samuel Marvins in that community at that time, then there is no evidence that this Samuel who built the sawmill was the Samuel, the son of David Marvin. It is another



instance of "He is believed to be" by those of a much later period. We have failed to find an account of the birth of any other Samuel Marvin which fell within the period in which Our Samuel must have been born, save Samuel the son of David. It seems probable that this Samuel was born not far from the year 1735, and this date seems most likely to be about the date when Samuel the grandfather of Seth was born.

Another significant feature of these two accounts is that The Marvin History mentions no children but abruptly discontinues Samuel's line of the family. But the Old Papers and our Common knowledge of him are undisputable facts about his generation., it does seem to appear that Samuel the son of David and Samuel the grandfather of Seth were the same man.

Remembering that David came to Luzerne county while that county was a frontier community and sparsely populated, it is possible, but does not seem probable that there would be two Samuel Marvins in the same county and of so near the same age.

We have gone into the history of Samuel Marvin to considerable length because we admit that there is room for confusion, and that it is possible that we are not correct in our conclusions, nevertheless we feel fairly certain that Samuel, son of David Marvin was the Samuel, grandfather of Seth, the son of John Marvin.

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As we can find no definite date of his birth, neither of his death. As we know that he lived for some little time after the year 1800, and following him a fairly long span of life, and considering the date of his father, David's marriage and the known dates of birth of his children, we have placed his date of birth at between 1735 and 1740. We believe this is not far wrong.

NOTE: One of Captain Marvin's sons was Uriah, born probably about 1742, at New Canaan, Conn., and came with his father to Luzerne County, Pa. He was the ancestor of the Marvins who now are located in and about Findlay, Ohio. This bit of information is of interest because there has been for many years the impression that the Seth Marvin line is closely related to those of Findlay.)

### 11. JOHN MARVIN

John, son of Samuel Marvin, was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, probably sometime during the ten years between 1754 and 1764. Scarcely anything can be learned of him, but there is an impression prevailing that he settled in Ohio, perhaps in the north central part of the state. He is known to have at least two sons, Seth and William, both of whom lived the greater part, if not all, of their lives in this same section. The indications point to the conclusion that they lived in Delaware Co., removing to Morrow Co., by middle age. In 1893 the writer had some correspondence with a lady living in that part of Ohio who was a descendant of John Marvin. This lends strength to the impression that John had settled in Ohio. If he was old enough for military service he might well have been the John Marvin whose name appears in the official roster of Revolutionary War veterans. But there were and still are, so many John Marvins that it is difficult to determine their identities. The time of his death is likewise unknown.

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## 12. SETH MARVIN

Seth Marvin was the son of John Marvin. He was born February 1, 1794. Because of the now uncertain movements of his father the place of his birth cannot be definitely stated. However it can be said with reasonable certainty that he was born either in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, probably in Plymouth, or somewhere in the northern part of Ohio, probably in Delaware or Morrow County. There is but little known of his early life. It is known that he taught school either in Delaware or Morrow county, and possibly in both of these counties. He was married about 1835 to Mary Ann Reese, a native of Wales. His bride was about nineteen years his junior, which accounts for his children being born after he had reached middle age. Evidently they settled upon a farm near the village of Sparta, Morrow County, Ohio very soon after their marriage, as their first child was born there in the summer of 1837, here they remained until sometime after the year 1872. Sometime during the next seven years he disposed of his farm and removed to Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio. It is not known why he made this move at the time when he was old and quite feeble, but it may be surmised that he desired to be free from the responsibilities of the farm, and to be near his children during the last days of his life. His four children had then married and all of them had drifted into that section of the state. It seems that he was also a local preacher, and that he did a great deal of preaching during his life. On August 8, 1872 Seth Marvin



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passed from this life at the good age of 78 years, 6 months and 23 days, and his body rests beneath a modest monument in a little cemetery near Bowling Green. His wife, Mary Ann lived for about seventeen years after the death of her husband, spending most of her time with her four children. She died at the home of her youngest son, William T. Marvin at Knox, Indiana, May 3, 1889, at the age of 75 years, 5 months and 2 days.

Seth Marvin was disabled in an arm or a leg by partial paralysis which disqualified him for military service; however he did the best he could by helping to build roads over which the army and supplies moved on their way to Texas during the War with Mexico. Mr. Marvin was a frugal man and despite the fact that he was partially crippled he nevertheless succeeded in raising his four children and leaving them each a forty acre farm or its equivalent in money, after providing for the needs of his widow for the remainder of her life. He was an ardent lover of his country for which so many of his forefathers had fought and died, and he loved his family and provided for them. And more than all, he loved his Maker and gave his service for the advancement of His church. One of his descendants recently wrote of him that "he preached the gospel and practiced what he preached."

We are reproducing below a copy of a letter written by Seth Marvin to his son who was then serving in the army during the Great Civil War. The original letter is the property of his grandson, George Willard Marvin, of South Bend, Indiana, and was kindly loaned to us for this purpose. We are reproducing it here because it has not only a

sentimental value, but also an historic value, and what is more important is the fact that he seems in this letter to have revealed a true picture of his nature. The recipient was his son and first born child and the letter will illustrate the depth of his love and his anxiety for him. To make the letter more understandable it may be well to note that Diana was one of his daughters, Mary was his daughter-in-law, the wife of the son to whom he was writing, and who with her small son Charlie, made their home with them during the four years' military service. The letter mailed at Cardington, Ohio, January 1, 1865,

"Dear Son in the Army and far from Home:

I take the present opportunity to answer your letter. It came to hand Saturday night about eleven o'clock. D. G. Cumer was at town at an oyster supper and came home very cold, and gave us a letter that you sent to me. Mother and I were in bed and asleep when he called, and we got up and read the letter which he gave me. It was read with satisfaction and sorrow. I was glad to hear that you were well and in good spirits. I was sorry to hear that you had gotten to be such a wild boy, and it gave me to understand that you have not adhered to my admonitions to deny yourself all ungodliness and live soberly and righteously. I want you to remember that you must give an account for your conduct on the day of judgment, whether it is good or bad. Strive my son, to square your life by the rule that God has given to us to live by, and then we will die in peace, and be received into heaven where sorrow and sighing shall never come. Your letter found us well as common, and I hope this letter will find you well and comfortable. Well, Cassander, this is the twelfth day of January, and we were at town today. Harriet, Mother and myself and we got four letters, two for Harriet, one for Mother and one for myself. One of Harriet's was from C. Thompson, the others were from D. C. Marvin, and truly we were glad to hear from you, and to hear that you were well, and that you got the presents that Mother sent. Your letters were dated the second of January. The one that I got had one in for Mary, but Mary and Charlie were not at home at this time. She has been gone over one week. She went down to Denmark to see her folks and she has not returned yet. Jan. 22nd.

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Mary came home last Monday and fetched little Charlie and left him with us and went back to take care of her sister a little while. How long I cannot tell, but I think she won't stay a great while. Charlie is well and full of life and growing fine and full of sport. I would be considerably lonesome without him, although he makes us a great deal of trouble. He says that he is granddad's good child and his Pa's good boy. He often talks about his Pa. He says that his papa is down to White River where he kills all the robbers. He will come home and fetch him something. I expect that you will think that I am a great while writing this letter and you would like to know the reason. If you don't know I will tell you, you know that I am the only one to see to getting wood and doing the other chores, and I am so feeble in body that it makes it very hard for me and that effects my mind very much, and my hand trembles so much by spells that it makes it very difficult for me to write so that you can read it. Very little labor of any kind either of body or mind, tires me so that I have to stop and rest a while before I can do anything. I will have to quit writing for this evening, for I am getting very tired.

Jan. 23rd.

Mother and I have been to town today, and got another letter from you dated the 14th of January, and a few days ago Theophilus got one, and Mary got one. I guess that we now get every letter that you send to us, and truly we are glad to get a letter from you. I would be glad if we should get one every day. I want you to believe me, for I did not intend to say anything only what is true. I do not want you to think that I or we, or any of us, have forgotten you, for our sympathy and love for you is still the same it always was, and I think my affection for you increases if possible. I always felt very much interested for your welfare both in this world and that which is to come. So, Cassander, I want you to keep up good courage and strive to be as contended as you can in your situation. Be as prudent as you can of your life and health, and perhaps we may be permitted to see each other again in the flesh. But that is very uncertain, death is in the world, and all of us must die, but when we know naught the admonition is for us to be always prepared to die. I feel sometimes as though I were not long for this world. I think sometimes that I never shall see you again and again I feel encouraged. I think the Lord only knows whether I will or not. You wrote in your last letter that we got that you had no snow since you went to the island. I think you have warmer weather down there than we have here, for we have had snow more or less all this month. At present the snow is from six to eight inches deep, so it makes first rate sleighing and the people are improving it as fast as they can. The sleighs are going both night and day. The weather is not as cold as it was last winter about this time, although we have had some pretty severe weather. We have been improving the sleighing pretty well this winter. Went to town to get letters from you and Diana. We have been very uneasy about Diana for four or five weeks past, for we could not hear anything from her for so long we began to think that



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she was killed on the railroad. For about the time we were looking for her home we heard of several accidents on the road and several persons killed, and we began to be sure that she was one of them. But we at last had our minds eased of that load by receiving a letter from her. She is all right, well and healthy ever since she has been there. She says that she has hired out to a citizen of that place that is keeping a boarding house. She says that she gets three dollars per week and they want her to stay there three months, but she has not promised them any length of time. She says that she likes it very well. So far her work has not been hard. She says that if we want her to come home that she will come. I would like to have all of my children at homewith me while I live. If they could do as well, and would live in peace it would be the greatest satisfaction that I could ask. But that is impossible, for I am not able to compensate them for their trouble. So I must be as contented as I can the little time I have to tarry in this world. Cassander, I want you to tell us how you fare, and be sure not to think that I don't care about you because I do not write more than I do. If you only know how I feel in body and mind I think you would not wonder why I do not write more than I do. I want you to be as careful of your money as you can, for perhaps you may need it by and by very much, and you may suffer for want and you can't get it. I have filled the sheet of paper with something and I expect that it will not be very interesting to you and perhaps you can't read it, so I will quit writing soon. Write soon and give me all the information that you can about that country.





First Generation of  
SETH MARVIN  
and the  
Thirteenth Generation  
since the  
Earliest Recorded Date  
of Birth



## PART THREE

1. **DAVID CASSANDER MARVIN**, son of Seth and Mary Ann Marvin, was born in Morrow county, Ohio June 25, 1837. In early manhood he learned the carpenter trade, which occupation he continued until about 1877 after which he spent about ten years as head sawer in saw mills in Wood and Henry counties. In 1885 he removed with his family to DeKalb county, Indiana and settled near Auburn, where he engaged in the farming industry during the remaining active years of his life. On August 7, 1862 he enlisted in Company C, 96th Regiment Ohio Voluntary Infantry and served to the close of the Civil War. He participated in the battles Arkansas Point, Siege of Vicksburg, Fort Gaines, Fort Morgan, Spanish Fort, Fort Blakesley and Mobile; also a number of skirmishes; twice hospitalized, detailed to hospital duty and to drive cattle for army. Honorably discharged July 7, 1865. He was an active member of the Grand Army for many years before his death. Mrs. Marvin died August 14, 1911, and Mr. Marvin died February 2, 1913. They were the parents of three sons; 5—Charlie Edward; 6—Jonathan Lafayette; and 7—George Willard.

2. **ELIZABETH DIANA MARVIN**, daughter of Seth and Mary Ann Marvin, was born at Cardington, Morrow County, Ohio, July 7, 1841. Married to Solomon Whetsel December 30, 1866. Mr. Whetsel was a Civil War veteran, but no military record is available. Not long after their marriage they settled on a farm in Lucas County, Ohio, near Grand Rapids, where they spent all their years of married life. Not much is known of them in their older years, but it is known that Mr. Whetsel died March 15, 1913 and Mrs. Whetsel died August 15, 1915. She spent her closing years in Toledo and

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Deshler, Ohio. They were the parents of two daughters: 8—Myrtle Aravada and; 9—Mattie.

11-15-3. **HARRIET MARVIN**, daughter of Seth and Mary Ann Marvin, was born in Morrow County, Ohio, July 31, 1845. Married to Barak Morris Butler, July 16, 1865. Mr. Butler was a Civil War veteran, but no military record can be located. In 1870 they were in Morrow County, and in 1872 they were in Perriesburg, Ohio. Some time later they moved to Deshler, Ohio, where they purchased a business property. Mr. Butler established a grocery store and Mrs. Butler a millinery store in adjoining rooms. Mrs. Butler came to an untimely death June 11, 1883. Mr. Butler continued the grocery business for several years, and spent the remaining years of his life in Deshler, where he died February 23, 1903. They were the parents of three children: 10—Florilla; 11—Wilbert Wayne; 12—Mary Eva.

4. **WILLIAM THEOPHILUS MARVIN**, son of Seth and Mary Ann Marvin, was born in Morrow County, Ohio, February 6, 1853. Married to Emma Rickert April 4, 1871. Conducted a grocery in Deshler, Ohio, during the early years of the 1880's. Removed to the vicinity of Knox, Indiana, in 1884, where he purchased a farm. Later he sold the farm and resumed a business career in Knox, at various times managing a grocery store, running a hotel and handling real estate. In February, 1903, he removed with his family to South Bend, Indiana, where he again embarked in the grocery business. Within a month thereafter he sickened and died on March 23, 1905. To this union were born three children: Evyline, died in early childhood, date not known; 13—Etna Elvin; 14—Harry Franklin. Emma (Rickert) Marvin died March 3, 1925, at the home of her son Harry, in Anson, Texas.

Second Generation of

**SETH MARVIN**

and the

**Fourteenth Generation**

since the

**Earliest Recorded Date**

of Birth

The figures in Parenthesis following the names of parents are the List numbers of the parents before their names in the preceding generation.

The names of children immediately following the sketches of the parents are the list numbers before the children in the next generation following.

These markings will enable the reader to trace his lineage either forward or backward.



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5. **CHARLIE EDWARD MARVIN**, son of David Cassander and Mary Ann Marvin, (1) was born July 8, 1861, in Morrow County, Ohio. In early life he was engaged at various times in farm work, railroad construction and painting, reconstruction and as a teamster. About 1894 he accepted a position with the Eckhart Carriage Company, in Auburn, Indiana, afterwards succeeded by the Auburn Automobile Company, and continued for about thirty-two years until the time of his death in the service of this company. He was married to Martha Almeda Davis October 7, 1888. To this union were born four children: 16—Blanche Mae; 17—William Ray; 18—Isa Vera; 19—Harry LeRoy. Mr. Marvin died at his home in Auburn, November 13, 1928. Mrs. Marvin died in Auburn, April 14, 1942.

6. **JONATHAN LAFAYETTE MARVIN**, son of David Cassander and Mary Ann Marvin (1), was born in Wood County, Ohio, June 29, 1872. In 1885 he removed with his parents to DeKalb County, Indiana, in the close vicinity of Auburn. Attended rural school and had some work in the Auburn high school. Learned printer's trade and was joint founder of the Auburn Gazette. Attended Valparaiso, (Ind.) College, founder and publisher of Three Rivers (Michigan) (semi-weekly) Commercial. Pursued Theological course in Hamma Divinity School of the Wittenburg College at Springfield, Ohio. Ordained to the Lutheran Ministry October 12, 1909. Served parishes at New Corydon, Indiana, Ohio City and North Robison, Ohio, Bittinger, Maryland, Greensburg, Cookport and Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania. Married to Nora Marcella Enoch at Springfield, Ohio, July 21, 1909. Three children were born to this union: 20—Mary Elizabeth; 21—Luther Ort; 22—Martha Ellen.

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7. **GEORGE WILLARD MARVIN**, son of David Cassander Marvin (1) was born in Wood County, Ohio, July 25, 1875. He received the education provided by the rural schools of Ohio and Indiana. Removed with his parents to near Auburn, Indiana in 1885, where he spent his childhood and young manhood. Married Mattie Cullers of Auburn on July 3, 1898. In 1905 he removed with his family to South Bend, Indiana, where soon after he secured a position with a concern specializing in gravel roofing and maintenance, becoming a skilled workman and rising to a responsible position. Mr. Marvin continued with this firm for the remainder of his active life. Ill health made it imperative for him to abandon his position, and with his wife, retired to a small country home near South Bend, Ind. To this union were born four children: 23—Myrtle; 24—Ralph Leon; 25—Hazel Allieen; 26—Glenn Earl.

8. **MYRTLE ARAVADA WHETSEL**, daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Marvin) Whetsel (2) was born at Mt. Vernon, Morrow County, Ohio, February 18, 1863. The greater part of her youthful years was spent with her parents on their farm in Lucas County. She was married to George Couch, December 23, 1892. Mr. Couch was a railroad trainman, and for several years after their marriage worked out of Garrett, Indiana, after which they removed to Toledo, Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Information is very vague, but Mr. Couch died August 4, 1911. Mrs. Couch died at Toledo, June 8, 1943. One daughter was born to this union: 27—Thelma Van Dora.



## NINETEEN

9. **MATTIE WHETSEL**, daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth Diana (Marvin) Whetsel (2), October 14, 1869. Married to Charles Shoup December 27, 1890. To this union was born one son: 28—Kenneth. Remarried to Douglas Dunn (no date found). To this union were born two children: 29—Bernice; 30—Noami. No record is available of either husband and little of the life of Mattie Whetsel. She died July 4, 1943, at Toledo, Ohio.

10. **FLORILLA BUTLER**, daughter of Barak Morris and Harriet Butler (3), was born in Morrow County, O., July 26, 1870. No definite information about her early life available. She attended an optical college in Chicago near the turn of the century, and built up a successful business at Muncie, Ind., where she remained for several years. She was also a music teacher in some period of her life. She was married to Otto A. Strohbach late in life and they have lived in Toledo, Ohio, for many years. Mr. Strohbach is a mechanic. No children were born to this union.

11. **WILBERT WAYNE BUTLER**, son of Barak Morris Butler (3) was born at Perriesburg, Ohio, October 23, 1872. Married to Nettie Brindley, no date available. Mr. Butler spent the early years of his life in Deshler, Ohio, where his father was in the mercantile business. In early manhood he became interested in the candy business, and after working for some time as a candy agent he located in Toledo, Ohio, where he successfully operated a retail candy store until the time of his death, May 31, 1928. His widow survives him. To this union were born two children: 31—Charles W.; 32—Kathern Martini.

## TWENTY

12. **MARY EVA BUTLER**, daughter of Barak Morris Butler (3), was born at Grand Rapids, March 23, 1875. She was married to Charles H. Talbot. They were the parents of two children: 33—Herbert W.; 34—Eula. Mr. Talbot died in Muncie, Indiana, May 21, 1930.

13. **ETNA ELVIN MARVIN**, son of William Theopholis and Emma (Rickert) Marvin (4), was born at Deshler, Ohio, in October, 1874. Married to Elsie Boyer about 1900. For some time he was an industrial worker in Cleveland, Ohio. About 1902 established news and novelty store in Knox, Indiana. Moved to Haskill, Texas, in 1907. Moved to Seymore, near Springfield, Missouri, in 1916. These years were devoted to the ranching industry. He died at Springfield, November 1, 1925. To this union no children were born, but they adopted and raised one child, Mildred Mae, who is now Mrs. Wayne Burlingane. His wife is remarried since his death, and is still living at the time of this writing.

14. **HARRY FRANKLIN MARVIN**, son of William Theopholis and Emma Marvin (4) was born at Knox, Indiana, Sept. 4, 1885. Married to Grace Edna Ely, July 26, 1925. In early manhood spent some time as industrial worker in Cleveland, Ohio. For some time he engaged in the grocery business in South Bend, Indiana and then removed to Anson, Texas, where he continued in the grocery business until his death March 20, 1945. Two children were born to this union—Ely Etna (35); Emma Lou (36).

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## TWENTY-ONE

16. **BLANCHE MAE**, daughter of Charlie E. and Martha A. Marvin (5), was born near Montpelier, Williams County, Ohio, September 10, 1889. Removed with her parents a few months later to near Auburn, Indiana, and again soon after to Auburn, where she received her grade and high school education. After graduation she studied business, shorthand and typing at the Fort Wayne Business College, and followed this line of work until the time of her marriage. She was married to Ben C. Garard of Decatur, Indiana, June 12, 1913. Mr. Garard is a printer, and has held responsible positions at Auburn, Kendallville and Fort Wayne, Ind., and for several years has been employed at Bryan, Ohio. Children: Marvin Clyde (37); Blaine Irvin (38); Charles Albert (39).

17. **WILLIE RAY**, son of Charlie E. and Martha A. Marvin (5), born near Auburn, Indiana, February 19, 1892, died September 19, 1893.

18. **ISA VERA**, daughter of Charlie and Martha A. Marvin (5), was born at Auburn, Indiana, September 14, 1893. Attended the Auburn public schools. Married to Jay Myers, March 3, 1913. Mr. Myers was a farmer's son, and for some time they resided in the country. After a short time they removed to Auburn and then to South Bend, Ind., where they still reside. For many years Mr. Myers engaged in the trucking business, but more recently he has been in the field of industry. Children: Ruth Neola (40); Earl Leroy (41); Helen Marie (42); Harry Levan (43); Ila Ilene (44); Clarence Jay (45); Walter Edward (46).



## TWENTY-TWO

19. **HARRY LEROY**, son of Charlie E. and Martha A. Marvin (5), born at Auburn, Indiana; April 15, 1903. Educated in the Auburn schools. Married to Bernice Buchs January 13, 1930. Mr. Marvin is now engaged in the dairy industry. No children have been born to this union.

20. **MARY ELIZABETH**, daughter of Jonathan L. and Nora M. Marvin (6), born at New Corydon, Indiana, June 17, 1911. Received her grade school education in the schools of Garrett county, Maryland, and Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, graduating at Arona, Pa., in 1925. Graduated from the Reynoldsville, Pa., High School in 1929. Graduated from the Indiana State Teachers' College at Indiana, Pa., in 1933, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. Has taught continuously in the schools of Winslow township and for past several years in the Reynoldsville schools. Served a term as president of the Jefferson County Teachers' Association.

21. **MARTHA ELLEN**, daughter of Jonathan L. and Nora M. Marvin (6), born at North Robinson, Ohio, March 17, 1913. Died in early infancy.

22. **LUTHER ORT**, son of Jonathan L. and Nora M. Marvin (6), born July 15, 1914. Died in early infancy.

23. **MYRTLE B.**, daughter of G. Willard and Mettie Marvin (7), born at Auburn, Indiana, March 25, 1899. Died September 13, 1899.

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TWENTY-THREE

24. **RALPH LEON**, son of G. Willard and Mettie Marvin (7), born at Auburn, Indiana, June 10, 1900. Removed with his parents at an early age to South Bend, Indiana, where he has since made his home. Graduate of the South Bend elementary and high schools. Married to Minnie Ewalt, November 15, 1924.

25. **HAZEL ALLIEEN**, daughter of G. Willard and Mettie Marvin (7), born at Auburn, Indiana, February 24, 1903. Removed with her parents to South Bend, Indiana, where she received her elementary and high school training. Married to Cecil D. Snyder July 3, 1921. Children: Willard F. (47); Marjorie M. (48); Virginia A. (49).

26. **GLENN EARL**, son of G. Willard and Mettie Marvin (7), born at Auburn, Indiana, August 28, 1905. Went with his parents while a small baby to South Bend, Indiana, where he has since lived. Graduate of South Bend elementary and high schools. Married to Marion Alberta Ellis, August 7, 1925. Children: Martha Jane (50); Russell (51); Phyllis Jean (52); Joyce Lotta (53); Burl Glenn (54); William DeVon (55); Jerry Dean (56).

27. **THELMA VAN DORA**, daughter of George and Myrtle Arvada Couch (8), born at Deshler, Ohio, August 31, 1893. No authentic information concerning her life is available, but it is believed that most of her life has been spent at Toledo, Ohio, at last heard from.

TWENTY-FOUR

28. **KENNETH**, son of Charles and Mattie Shoup (9); born December 17, 1891. No further information.

29. **BERNICE**, daughter of Douglas and Mattie Dunn (9), born October 15, 1901. No further information available.

30. **NAOMI**, daughter of Douglas and Mattie Dunn (9), born October 17, 1903. No further information available.

31. **CHARLES W.**, son of Wilbert Wayne and Nettie Butler (11), born at Toledo, Ohio, 1904.

32. **KATHERN MARTENI**, daughter of Wilbert Wayne and Nettie Butler (11), born at Toledo, Ohio, 1907.

TWENTY-FIVE

33. HERBERT W., son of Mary Eva Talbot and Charles H. Talbot (12), was born at Deshler, Ohio, June 26, 1893.

34. EULA, daughter of Mary Eva Talbot and Charles H. Talbot (12), was born at Deshler, Ohio, August 10, 1895.

35. ELY ETNA, son of Harry Franklin and Grace Edna Marvin (14), born at Anson, Texas, February 21, 1927. Graduate Anson High School, and a Business College course.

36. EMMA LOU, daughter of Harry Franklin and Grace Edna Marvin (14) born at Anson, Texas, June 11, 1936.



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TWENTY-SEVEN

37. **MARVIN CLYDE**, son of Blanche Mae Marvin (16), and Benjamin C. Garard; was born at Auburn, Ind., May 27, 1914 and died at Auburn, Ind., June 20, 1914.

38. **BLAINE IRWIN**, son of Blanche Mae Marvin and Benjamin C. Garard (16), born at Decatur, Indiana, June 14, 1915. Graduate of Ft. Wayne schools. After completing his high school work he attended Indiana University Extension one term. He was a member of the Indiana National Guard for four years and had attained the rank of Corporal. He was due for promotion to Sergeant when the Guard was inducted into the Regular Army and all married men were discharged. Married Violet Harris of Ft. Wayne, Ind., on February 2, 1936, at Coldwater, Mich. To this union one child has been born, Bonny Jean (59).

*Bonita Garard*

*April 6<sup>th</sup> 1947*

39. **CHARLES ALBERT**, son of Blanche Mae Marvin and Benjamin C. Garard (16), was born at Auburn, Indiana, April 29, 1919. Graduated from Ft. Wayne schools. Joined National Guard at Fort Wayne, Ind., January 17, 1937, discharged August 1, 1939. Mustered into Federal Service at Fort Wayne, Ind., January 17, 1941. Promoted to Corporal August 9, 1940—demoted to Private April 5, 1941—promoted to Private First Class April 7, 1941—promoted to Corporal June 1, 1943—promoted to Sergeant December 1, 1943. In January, 1941, after muster, he went to Camp Shelby, Miss., for

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preparatory combat training. Was transferred to Station Camp due to ear trouble. Later transferred to Special Service Unit to go overseas. He landed in Boston and then transferred to War Dept. Overhead at Boston Army Base. From there he was transferred to Transportation Corps at Camp Myles Standish, Mass. Discharged at Camp Myles Standish, Mass., December 6, 1943. Married Mary Ella Goodchild at Camp Myles Standish, Mass., on May 30, 1943. To this union one child has been born, Lillie May (60).

*Dorland Delene Hazard*  
*Jan 13-47*  
*Mary Ella Divorced 1954*  
*Married Phil 1955*

40. RUTH NEOLA, daughter of Isa Vera Myers and Jay Myers (18), was born at Sedan, Ind., June 20, 1915. Received her elementary and high school education in South Bend, Ind. Married to Don Gilbert July 13, 1943. To this union one child was born, Bonnie Mae. (61).

TWENTY-NINE

41. EARL LEROY, son of Isa Vera Myers and Jay Myers (18), was born at Sedan, Ind., Sept. 15, 1921. Received elementary and high school education in South Bend, Ind. Married Evelyn Joyce Palmer March 31, 1942. To this union one child was born, Alvin Leroy (62).

42. HELEN MARIE, daughter of Isa Vera Myers and Jay Myers (18), was born at South Bend, Ind., May 20, 1924, and died at South Bend, Ind., May 22, 1924.

43. HARRY LEVAN, son of Isa Vera Myers and Jay Myers (18), was born at South Bend, Ind., April 9, 1926. Received his elementary and high school education in South Bend schools. Entered Carthage College in 1943 where he is pursuing the course to prepare himself for the ministry.

44. ILA ILENE, daughter of Isa Vera Myers and Jay Myers (18), was born at South Bend, Ind., October 22, 1927. Received elementary and high school education in South Bend.

**THIRTY**

45. **CLARENCE JAY**, son of Isa Vera Myers and Jay Myers (18), was born at South Bend, Ind., October 10, 1929.

46. **WALTER EDWARD**, son of Isa Vera Myers and Jay Myers (18), was born at South Bend, Ind., December 16, 1933.

47. **WILLARD F.**, son of Cecil and Hazel Snyder (25), was born March 27, 1922.

48. **MARJORIE M.**, daughter of Cecil and Hazel Snyder (25), was born April 25, 1924.



THIRTY-TWO

49. VIRGINIA A., daughter of Cecil and Hazel Snyder (25), was born September 21, 1928.

50. MARTHA JANE, daughter of Glen Marvin and Marion Marvin (26), was born October 21, 1926.

51. RUSSEL, son of Glen Marvin and Marion Marvin (26), was born February 2, 1928 and died the same date.

52. PHYLLIS JEAN, daughter of Glen Marvin and Marion Marvin (26) was born July 2, 1929.

53. JOYCE LORRAINE, daughter of Glen Marvin and Marion Marvin (26) was born December 23, 1930.

54. **BURL GLEN**, son of Glen Marvin and Marion Marvin (26) was born October 24, 1932.

55. **WILLIAM DEVAN**, son of Glen Marvin and Marion Marvin (26), was born September 7, 1934.

56. **JERRY DEAN**, son of Glen Marvin and Marion Marvin (26) was born April 19, 1942.

57. **HERBERT W. JR.**, son of Herbert W. Talbot, Sr., (33), was born June 26, 1916.

58. **BETTY JANE**, daughter of Herbert W. Talbot, Sr., (33), married Roy Fear. To this union one child has been born, Sally Ann Fear (63).

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**THIRTY-THREE**

59. **BONNY JEAN**, daughter of Blaine Garard and Violet Harris Garard (38), was born October 26, 1936.

60. **LILLIE MAY**, daughter of Charles Garard and Mary Garard (39), was born February 19, 1944.

61. **BONNIE MAE**, daughter of Neola Gilbert and Don Gilbert (40), was born September 27, 1944.

62. **ALVIN LEROY**, son of Earl Myers and Evelyn Myers (41), was born March 31, 1943.

63. **Sally Ann**, daughter of Betty Jane Fear and Roy Fear (58), was born May 15, 1942.









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